

Senate Resolution 342

By: Senators Chapman of the 3rd, Rogers of the 21st, Tolleson of the 20th and Williams of the 19th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Captain Joe Vickery; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the state of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its finest and most distinguished
3 citizens with the untimely passing of Captain Joe Vickery on November 21, 2008; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Captain Vickery devoted 32 years to the Georgia Department of Natural
5 Resources Coastal Resources Division; and
- 6 WHEREAS, known as a gentle giant at six feet five inches and 270 pounds, Captain Vickery
7 was a steadfast, loyal, honest, and genuine man; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Captain Vickery began his career with the Georgia Department of Natural
9 Resources (DNR) in 1977 as an hourly wage deckhand and was promoted to a wildlife
10 technician two years later; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was crew member aboard the research vessels *Anna*, *Cobia*, *Bagby*, and
12 *Marguerite* and became a R/V Captain II, the highest vessel captain classification possible
13 within the DNR, of the *Marguerite* in 2003; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Captain Vickery received numerous commendations from the United States
15 Coast Guard for his assistance training servicemen and women at USCG Station Brunswick,
16 and he served as a pillar of the DNR organization; and
- 17 WHEREAS, his work was instrumental in the design and construction of many of Georgia's
18 offshore artificial reefs, enhancing and protecting wildlife habitat and providing numerous
19 recreational opportunities for anglers and divers; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Captain Vickery was an avid and skilled diver himself and enjoyed spear
21 fishing off the many reefs he helped create; and

22 WHEREAS, the DNR held a benefit in Captain Vickery's honor on January 17, 2009,
23 celebrating the life of this kind, intelligent, and generous man and raising money to establish
24 college funds for his two children; and

25 WHEREAS, the event served as an excellent forum for friends and co-workers to show their
26 gratitude for his many contributions to coastal Georgia and their lives; and

27 WHEREAS, Captain Vickery will long be remembered and cherished by his many friends,
28 family members, co-workers, and neighbors who will carry with them the memories of
29 wonderful times shared.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 join in honoring the life and memory of Captain Joe Vickery.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Captain Vickery.